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SUBJECT: ECLA: THIRD DELEGATION REPORT

REF: GUATEMALA 2577

1. LAST TWO DAYS OF TECHNICAL LEVEL SESSIONS OF 17TH
ECLA MEETING, APRIL 28-29, WERE DEVOTED IN LARGE PART
TO LATINAMERICAN CARIBBEAN CAUCUSING AND TO CONSIDERING
RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPING MEMBERS. IN
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COMMITTEE I, ALL EIGHT RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED BY
CONSENSUS WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE ON "INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION" ON WHICH THE FIVE DEVELOPED
MEMBER COUNTRIES ABSTAINED. RESOLUTION ON US
TRADE ACT WAS WITHDRAWN. IN COMMITTEE II, NINE OF
TEN RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS WITH
TENTH, ON ILPES, STILL UNDERGOING REVISION.

2. RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE I, WITH US JOINING CONSENSUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, AS FOLLOWS:

A. COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS OF DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.

B. INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT.

C. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION.

REVISED VERSION CHANGED PROPOSED LATIN AMERICAN MEETING ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION SOMETIME DURING 1978, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE SENT TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION. BOTH SPONSOR (MEXICO) AND SECRETARIAT HAVE SAID US ATTENDANCE IS INTENDED.

D. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

DEVELOPING MEMBERS WERE UNWILLING TO MODIFY THIS RESOLUTION TO THE EXTENT OF URGING THAT THE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED WOULD INCLUDE PROPOSALS OF DEVELOPED AS WELL AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SO THAT A VOTE WAS REQUIRED. TWENTY COUNTRIES APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED AND FIVE ABSTAINED (CANADA, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, UK, US).

E. EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

THE US AS WELL AS FRANCE AND THE UK SEPARATELY STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT THEY CONSIDER THAT THEIR EARLIER COMMENTS ON CEGAN DOCUMENT AS VIEWS OF DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES APPLY TO THE REFERENCES IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH TO THE "THIRD REGIONAL APPRAISAL" AND "PLAN OF ACTION".

F. LONG-TERM TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES.

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H. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

EC COUNTRIES SUCCEEDED IN SOFTENING THIS RESOLUTION AND DELETING REFERENCES TO "MINISTERIAL LEVEL" IN CONNECTION WITH A JOINT LA/EC MEETING. RESOLUTION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS WITH NO VOTE TAKEN SO THAT OCCASION FOR U.S. ABSTENTION DID NOT ARISE. U.S. DEL ASKED THAT RECORD SHOW U.S. TOOK NO POSITION ON BASIS OF NO DIRECT INTEREST.

3. IN COMMITTEE II FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS, SOME WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDING SEVERAL REQUESTED BY U.S.:

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE.

B. LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIALIZATION.

C. LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

D. CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION.

E. REGIONAL POPULATION PROGRAM.

F. FISHERY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN.

G. REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

H. NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

I. SUPPORT FOR THE CEPAL PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM. SECRETARIAT MADE HELPFUL STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL ECLA MEMBERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN MEETINGS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

4. RESOLUTION ON ILPES (GUATEMALA 2576) WAS WITHDRAWN IN FACE OF OBJECTIONS BY U.S. AND OTHER DC'S. IT IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF A WORKING GROUP WHICH HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS A NEW AND, WE BELIEVE, FAR MORE ACCEPTABLE TEXT. WILL PROVIDE NEW TEXT ASAP.

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5. IN ADDITION TO TURNING OUT DRAFT RESOLUTION, THE LATIN/CARIBBEAN CAUCUS ALSO CONCERNED ITSELF WITH DRAFTING A DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE. TENTATIVE DRAFT NOW IN OUR POSSESSION IS DISAPPOINTING AND RAMBLING STATEMENT TOO HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARD NIEO AND IDS. U.S. AND OTHERS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THEIR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM AND THIS VERSION SEEMS DESTINED TO BE FORGOTTEN. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS HAS IN MIND A SHORTER RESOLUTION CONCENTRATING ON FUTURE WORK PROGRAMS OF ECLA, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE BUT OF ONLY LIMITED INTEREST. CHAIRMAN HERRERA OF THE DR HAS IN MIND A ONE-PAGE DECLARATION EMPHASIZING THE POLITICAL WILL OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO MOVE TOWARD REORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. AT THIS STAGE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT SUCCESS FOR ANY OF THESE APPROACHES.

6. REMAINING TASK FOR TECHNICAL-LEVEL SESSION IS TO APPROVE RAPORTEURS' REPORTS FOR BOTH COMMITTEES. COMMITTEE I REPORT, INCLUDING SUMMARY OF U.S. INTERVENTIONS WHICH DELEGATION PREPARED FOR THIS REPORT, WILL RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL BEFORE THE DAY IS OUT. COMMITTEE II REPORT, INCLUDING U.S. RESERVATION ON WOMEN'S PROGRAM (GUATEMALA 2665), HAS BEEN APPROVED. BOSTER. UNQUOTE VANCE

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